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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO SAUDI ARABIA BY TESORO REPRESENTATIVES

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1. THROUGH ITS WASHINGTON ATTORNEY, TESORO INFORMED US THAT MEETING IN LONDON LAST WEEKEND BETWEEN TESORO REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS AND SMITH AND PRINCE MISHARI TOOK PLACE WITHOUT UNTOWARD INCIDENT. MISHARI SHOWED NO HOSTILITY TOWARD COMPANY AND DURING COURSE OF TWO TWO- HOUR SESSIONS APPEARED BE BACKING AWAY FROM HIS EARLIER ASSURANCES THAT HE IN POSITION OBTAIN CRUDE OIL CONTRACT FOR TESORO FROM PETROMIN. IN FACT, MISHARI REPORTEDLY STATED THAT ONLY KING FAISAL COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO TESORO AND THAT KING ALONE WOULD MAKE DECISION ON OIL CONTRACT. MISHARI DID NOT PRESS FURTHER FOR LARGE PAYMENT TO COVER HIS " EXPENSES" AND NO FURTHER ACTION HAS BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKEN BY TESORO TO MEET HIS EARLIER DEMANDS.

2. ENCOURAGED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT, TESORO CHAIRMAN DR. ROBERT WEST JR., ACCOMPANIED BY PETER DETWEILER AND JOHN RODE, ARRIVING RIYADH MONDAY EVENING, MAY 7 FOR SCHEDULED MEETING WITH PETROMIN GOVERNOR TAHER. AS CAUTIONARY MEASURE, TESORO PARTY HAS MADE RESERVATIONS AT YAMAMA HOTEL UNDER COVER NAMES OF FREDERIC BARBIER(WEST),

VOLKER BLUMHOF (DETWEILER), AND ANTHONY CARROZA (RODE). PARTY EXPECTS DEPART RIYADH ON MAY 10.

3. IN VIEW ABOVE, TESORO DOES NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE FOR EMBASSY RAISE MATTER OF ALLEGED MISHARI THREATS WITH TAHER OR PRINCE SAUD. ROGERS

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